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SUBJ: SWISS ACCUSED OF SPYING FOR EAST GERMANY

1. SWISS FEDERAL JUSTICE AND POLICE DEPT (FJPD)  
ANNOUNCED JUNE 1 THAT IT HAD ARRESTED IN  
FEB 1977 SO-FAR UNNAMED RESIDENT OF ZURICH,  
AGE 50, FOR HAVING ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES  
ON BEHALF OF EAST GERMANY. SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL  
SAID THAT ACCUSED WAS REMANDED TO ZURICH CANTON  
AUTHORITIES FOR INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL. ACCORDING  
TO PRESS REPORTS, ACCUSED CAME UNDER SUSPICION  
OF SWISS CUSTOMS OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF HIS NUMEROUS  
FOREIGN TRIPS. SEARCH OF HIS RESIDENCE DISCLOSED  
RADIO TRANSMITTER AND MORSE CODE APPARATUS.

2. FJPD COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT DURING 13 YEARS,  
ACCUSED SET UP NETWORK TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC,  
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POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TO THE EAST  
GERMANY SEUCIRTY (STAATSSICHERHEIT) MINISTRY.  
ACCUSED CONCENTRATED MOSTLY ON ECONOMIC INTELLI-  
GENCE, PARTICULARLY ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING  
PROGRAMS OF VARIOUS GOVT SERVICES AND COMPANIES.  
HE ALSO SENT INTELLIGENCE ON SWISS ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORGANIZATION AND PRACTICES WHICH HELPED SET UP

SPY NETWORK. SWISS ALSO SAID THEY UNCOVERED  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE NETWORK DIRECTED AT WEST  
GERMANY.

3. PRESS COMMENTED THAT THIS CASE APPEARED TO  
HAVE RELATIVELY MINOR IMPORTANCE BECAUSE ACCUSED  
WAS TRANSFERRED TO CANTONAL AUTHORITIES BY FJPD.

4. SWISS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 164  
ESPIONAGE CASES OVER PAST 29 YEARS IN SWITZERLAND  
INVOLVING 276 PERSONS. SOME 51 CASES INVOLVED  
WESTERN AND THIR-WORLD COUNTRIES, WHILE ANOTHER  
113 CASES INVOLVED EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES. CASES  
INVOLVED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ESPIONAGE AS WELL  
AS INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THIRD COUNTRIES  
AND REFUGEES.  
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